

Losses caused by cyclone, flood and earthquakes

96. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether direct and indirect losses caused by super cyclone in Orissa, devastating floods in West Bengal and recent earthquake in Gujarat have been quantified in financial terms;

(b) if so, the summarised details of the same;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the tentative figures available for the same; and

(d) the direct funding by Government to these States so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) The Government of Orissa had projected requirement of about Rs. 6,200 crore towards rehabilitation and reconstruction measures in the wake of super cyclone, the Government of West Bengal had indicated the damage due to floods at about Rs. 5,600 crore and the Government of Gujarat has on the basis of preliminary estimates, assessed the loss of damage due to earthquake at Rs. 21,262 crore.

(d) In addition to release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), assistance amounting to Rs. 828.15 crore from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) to Orissa in the wake of floods and 2 cyclones, including the super cyclone and Rs. 103.25 crore from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to West Bengal in the wake of floods have been released. For Gujarat, an ad-hoc assistance of Rs. 500.00 crore has been released in the wake of recent earthquake.